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THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD A FINE MEETING

KARL R. ADAMS AND H. S. BABCOCK WERE SPEAKERS AT THURSDAY SESSION.

Officials Received Vote of Confidence

The Luncheon of the Alma Chamber of Commerce held Thursday noon at the city hall was a highly successful affair, and as a result promises to be the first of a series of such functions that will probably be held. The attendance at the luncheon was better than had been anticipated, the addresses were of such a nature as to bring home to the members some important points, and the luncheon itself a matter of surprise to the members, who had not expected that the committee consisting of C. A. Miller and Dr. Pringle, with the assistance of Mrs. Frousch would go to the extent that it did in promoting such a feed.

Perhaps the most significant affair of the entire meeting was the fact that a vote of confidence was given the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce, just before the meeting adjourned. The vote was unanimous, and gives every indication that the membership is determined to carry the organization to a success, although its first year, like that of similar organizations has not seen any real startling developments, the business depression over the entire country probably playing a big part in slowing up results during the first year, which however has been far from barren.

Immediately following the luncheon which consisted of a turkey dinner with all the fixins, President Gerber of the Chamber of Commerce, introduced Karl R. Adams, cashier of the Alma State Savings Bank, who took the place of C. G. Rhodes on the program, Mr. Rhodes having been called from the city.

In his address Mr. Adams pictured some of the difficulties in the way of great accomplishments during the first year of the organization, which is now coming to a close. He called attention to a number of facts regarding the city and its school, churches, and other institutions, which make it a desirable place in which to live, and a desirable place for the location of industrial institutions. He stated that there were probably four causes why the Chamber of Commerce had not done any big things during its first year, such as some of the membership possibly expected. Then he pointed out some of the things that the organization has done for Alma this year, including the securing of a cavalry unit for Alma, insuring a good road west from Alma for 4½ miles next spring, the paving of Marquette avenue for the Northern Wheel Company, answering fifteen industrial inquiries, etc.

In closing Mr. Adams called attention to the possibilities which the organization offers to the city, by referring to the good results that the old board of trade with its small membership and small fees, had secured for the city, and said that the new year was being faced and that the Chamber of Commerce must have united support of its members to insure its success in the payment of community dividends.

H. S. Babcock of The Record, introduced by President Gerber, gave a short but interesting discussion on the proposed bonding proposition which was put up to the supervisors in the fall and voted down without getting a chance to go before the people of the county for a referendum. The necessity of such a bond issue if Gratiot County is to secure its portion of the state bond issue was pointed out, and also the short time in which the organization had to act to get the matter before the supervisors at the January meeting of the board, if it was the desire of the Chamber of Commerce to push the bond proposition.

The matter was put up to the meeting and it was decided to go after the bonding proposition and get the matter before the supervisors for reconsideration in January.

A vote of thanks was then tendered by those present to C. A. Miller, Dr. Pringle and to Mrs. Frousch for the splendid luncheon, after which the members voted their confidence to the officers and directors of the Chamber of Commerce.

OPEN FOR ENLISTMENTS

Troop C, 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard is again open for enlistments. The Adjutant General of Michigan authorizes the dropping of men for non-attendance at drills, which leaves vacancies in the troop. There will be an examination December 20 for second lieutenant, all members of the Troop being eligible.

Williams to Give Address at Luncheon

Monday noon the members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce will hold the second of the series of weekly luncheons, and with Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams, of Chicago, scheduled to speak, the luncheon promises to be an out of the ordinary one, as it is seldom that the business men of the city have such an opportunity of having such a well known speaker to address them.

The luncheon will start promptly at 12:00 noon and will close promptly at 1:30 p. m. Tickets for the luncheon are on sale at all drug stores and at the Chamber of Commerce offices. The plates are fifty cents each. The ticket sale closes Saturday noon.

The Chamber of Commerce is preparing a letter to the members regarding future plans for noon day luncheons and monthly forum meetings.

Our pastry flour at 90c sack can't be beat. Phone 252. Daleys Feed Store. Pop corn 5c lb.—advertisement 29-1w

WILLIAMS TO SPEAK SUNDAY

CHICAGO'S FIGHTING PARSON WILL GIVE ADDRESS AT A MASS MEETING.

Dr. Elmer Lynn Williams of Chicago known as the "fighting parson," will be the speaker at a community mass meeting to be held Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the First Methodist Church.

Dr. Williams will give one of his most famous addresses here Sunday evening, the subject being "The Big Game."

Dr. Williams has been one of the bitterest foes that bootleggers, gamblers, dive-keepers and law-breakers have had on Chicago's famous North Side. He was called the "fighting parson" from the relentless war that he waged upon vice and corruption during an eight-year battle for law enforcement against the famous North Side dens, during which time attempts were made on his life, etc., but in which he finally won out by cleaning up the zone.

State Grains Win At the Big Show

Cleaning up practically all awards in the rye classes at the recent International Hay and Grain Show, held in connection with the Livestock Show, at Chicago, Michigan farmers repeated their successes of last year and brought added fame to crops of the state. Many high awards in wheat and other crops fell to Michigan exhibitors also, but the chief honors came in rye, with the famous Rosen responsible for every Wolverine prize.

Competing against all the United States and Canada, Michigan growers took 25 out of 30 awards in rye, including the first eight places. Irving Beck of South Manitou Island won first place with his entry of "South Manitou" Rosen. Ten out of 25 prizes in soft red winter wheat also came back to Michigan. These places included one, two, three, four, five and six, with Arthur Jewett of Mason, Ingham county, first.

Winning three first places in different events at the show, Mr. Jewett accomplished a feat which is considered unique by veteran exhibitors at the International. The fact that hundreds of samples from all parts of the United States and Canada were entered makes the achievement of the Michigan man quite remarkable. Jewett is a graduate of the Michigan Agricultural College in the class of 1913.

An educational exhibit shown at the show by the crops department at M. A. C. was one of the features. The entries which won prizes in the competitive classes were gathered by the Michigan Crop Improvement Association. A. L. Bibbins, secretary of the Association and Extension Specialist at the College, handled the preparation and exhibiting of the entries.

WILLIAM HERRON DEAD

William Herron, a well known resident of this city died December 4, after an illness of some weeks. The funeral services were held from the home of Lewis Hutchinson, 720 River avenue, a son-in-law, on Monday, December 5, conducted by the Rev. M. W. Duffey. The body was taken to Ithaca for interment.

Bring your beans to Alma Roller Mills. Top prices and fair pick. Bean dept. equipped with new machinery.—19-1c

Buy Butternut Bread at 10 cents.—advertisement 28-2w

MERCHANTS WILL START A GREAT SALE SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS GOODS SLAUGHTERED FOR THE BIG TRADE EXTENSION SALE.

Will Keep Stores Open in Evening

Beginning Saturday morning, Dec. 10 and continuing through until Saturday night, December 24, the retail merchants of Alma will stage their third monthly trade extension sale.

It is really remarkable that the merchants of any community should attempt to hold a sale of such proportions just before the Holidays, when seasonable goods, Holiday goods, etc., pack the shelves of the various stores. This sale is the biggest proof that Alma merchants are seeking to extend their trade over a greater radius around Alma, in the effort to sell more goods at smaller profits.

In the effort to convince the public of central Michigan of the bargains that are being offered the merchants have sliced prices deeply. They feel that the territory for a radius of from 40 to 80 miles around this city will find Alma its logical trading center, because of the fact that Alma merchants, located in the largest city in this territory, have the largest buying power.

No comment should be necessary on the "Just Before Xmas" sale. The sale and the prices which are shown on big six-page bills that have gone out over this district should be convincing enough.

From the time that the sale opens until it comes to a close Christmas evening, the stores of the merchants taking part in the big sale will be open evenings.

AID FOR NEAR EAST SOUGHT

GRATIOT COUNTY COMMITTEE ORGANIZED FOR CAMPAIGN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

A Gratiot county organization has been formed to carry the appeal of Near East Relief to the people of the county at Christmas time and the succeeding week or two. During the campaign in the county the splendid Near East Relief film picture, "Alice in Hungerland," will be shown in Alma, Ithaca, St. Louis and Breckenridge.

The funds to be raised are for the maintenance of the tremendous group of 229 orphanages, 16 hospitals and 11 rescue homes for girls which this American relief organization is conducting in Asia Minor and the Trans-Caucasus. With 500 to 600 American relief workers in the field there are more than 110,000 children being cared for by American philanthropy and partial aid is being given to 50,000 or 60,000 more.

Near East Relief was chartered by Congress to carry on this work, which includes principally the care of this army of war orphans. The work now has been going on for three years and will have to be continued for several years to come, until the youngest of the orphans is educated and taught some trade, thereby becoming self-sustaining.

Michigan is being asked this year for a total of \$650,000 towards the support of these orphanages and of this amount \$3,100 has been apportioned to this county. Those already on the committee having the campaign in charge in the county include Robert B. King, Jr., R. B. Wagner, J. W. Kelder, Rev. M. W. Duffey, Rev. W. L. Gelston, Rev. E. E. Shouffer and Lester A. Murdie, of Alma; Frank C. Convis, Floyd Gibbs, Henry McCormick and J. N. McCall of Ithaca; and the Rev. George Yinger of St. Louis.

WEATHER SUMMARY

The weather summary for November, as reported by F. L. Delevan, local co-operative observer, shows a mean maximum temperature for the month of 41.5 degrees and a mean minimum of 28 degrees. The maximum was 59 degrees and the minimum 15 degrees. The total precipitation for the month was 3.05 inches. The greatest amount in 24 hours was 1.2 inches on November 19. The total snowfall for the month was 6½ inches. On ten days .01 or more inches of precipitation fell. There were 3 clear days during the month, three partly cloudy and 24 cloudy days.

Read the Last Page.

MEMORIAL
Tuesday evening the City Commission voted to empower Mayor Charles R. Murphy to look into the matter of a suitable memorial for the late A. W. Wright, who did so much during the early days for the benefit of the City of Alma. As Mayor Murphy expects to go into the matter very carefully before submitting his findings to the commission, the report probably will not be made for some little time.

Ruggles Company Elects Officials

The Ruggles Motor Truck Company of Saginaw, which recently acquired the Huson Motor Company of Bad Axe, has elected officers and directors, Frank W. Ruggles of this city, who organized the company, continues as the president of the concern.

Other officers follow: Vice presidents, W. J. Wickes and Julius Kirby; secretary, Ezra L. Smith of Alma; treasurer, Charles T. Kerry.

The directors besides the officers are Benton Hanchett, Otto L. Dittmar, H. T. Robinson, Guy S. Barber and Walter Hill of Saginaw, Harry Price of Columbus, O., John J. Thorne of Bay City, John Ryan and Albert E. Sleeper of Bad Axe.

ATHLETICS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS DISGUSTED WITH M. I. A. A. CONDITIONS, TO ACT.

That matters regarding eligibility under which professional football players, such as Watson of Olivet can re-enter college, coach the team and play, or a Lambe down at Kalamazoo College, belonging to a big league team, the Chicago Americans, can play in association sports against real amateur college students in the M. I. A. A., probably will get their innings at a meeting of the presidents of the non-state colleges, which is to be held at Jackson, December 28.

Announcement of the meeting to be held by the non-state institutions at Jackson was made the first of the week by President H. M. Crooks of Alma College. When pressed as to the real reason behind the calling of the meeting, he said that he was unable to say, not having received a notice as to the matters to be discussed.

From various sources it is learned that there has been a strong agitation during the past months as to eligibility conditions at some of the institutions, and it is known that some of the college presidents are ready to enter some highly strenuous objections to a continuance of the present conditions.

Just what the matters will be that will come up for discussion at the meeting of the college presidents, or the extent to which they will go in appealing to the faculties of the various colleges to clean up athletics, is not known at the present time. Intimations are however, that one or two of the presidents are ready to go sled length in curbing the evils in the association.

Professionals coming into the association and playing on the same teams with and against real college amateurs, is expected to be one of the serious problems that will confront the gathering of college presidents. It is believed that the example of Watson of Olivet, who has played professional football for some time in both Detroit and Pontiac, and is now in college, competing on athletic teams and also coaching, and the example of Lambe of Kalamazoo College, pitcher for the Chicago American League club, who is competing in the M. I. A. A. with Kalamazoo teams, are some of the things that will be gone into thoroughly.

It is expected that steps will be taken also to see that an anti-Sunday baseball rule is again adopted. It is understood that the presidents of Michigan's sectarian colleges do not, the majority of them at least, like the idea of colleges for religious education winking at the man who is competing with his college teams and then playing on other teams on Sunday. It is expected that the college presidents will give the men six days a week to play on other teams, and that they will ask that the athlete rest on the seventh day the same as other people.

During the past year when the majority of the colleges of the association voted to abolish the Sunday rule, Alma held steadfast in favor of keeping from athletics the man who competed on Sunday. The rule, however, was abolished.

We have no knowledge of why any of the M. I. A. A. colleges may have voted to oust the Sunday rule. As a number of star athletes of the association became eligible again this year, with this rule gone by the boards, we can well imagine, however.

MEMBERS OF C. OF C. TO HEAR NEXT LECTURE

"THE TWENTIETH CENTURY CITY" IS NEXT LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

Zueblin Comes to Alma, December 16

Charles Zueblin, well-known lecturer and writer, who speaks here on the Community Lyceum Course, Friday evening, December 16, has delivered his famous lectures on American life in all parts of the country, and from every section of the United States his lectures have been warmly greeted. Dr. Zueblin will give one of his most famous lectures when he appears here, "The Twentieth Century City," in which facts and figures regarding modern city building are given, which are of great importance to every hustling community, as the lecture can be made to apply to a greater or less extent to any city.

The proposition of the Zueblin lecture was brought before the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at the city hall Thursday noon, and it was at that time decided to back the lecture to the limit, and it is expected that all available seats in the house will be taken by the business and professional men of Alma and others who are vitally concerned in the future welfare of Alma. They realize that Dr. Zueblin has something very exceptional to offer them.

Christmas is coming. You should place your orders early for any special you might need or desire. Remember the Model Bakery is fully equipped to turn out any class of special bakery goods for any occasion on reasonable notice.—advertisement 29-3w

JEWISH RELIEF DRIVE TO START

DECEMBER 15 WILL SEE CAMPAIGN PUT UNDER WAY IN GRATIOT COUNTY

On Thursday, December 15, the campaign for Jewish War Relief, which is doing noble work among the thousands of peoples of central Europe and Russia will begin.

A quota of \$14,000,000 is being sought in the United States for the Jewish War Relief. Michigan's quota of this amount is \$500,000. The money is to go for the relief of the thousands of innocent sufferers of the war in Russian and Central Europe, who without the aid of the United States are certain to starve, before another spring.

Plans are under way to open the campaign in Gratiot county Thursday, December 15.

A rousing mass meeting will be held Wednesday evening, December 14, in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p. m., as a preliminary of the drive in this county. Rabbi Franklin of Detroit, one of the best known speakers of the state will give the address. Slides showing conditions in Russia will be shown.

Mr. E. B. Berman is chairman of the drive for Gratiot county. Members of the executive committee are Mrs. H. A. Soule, Mrs. Messenger, Mrs. F. E. Pollasky, Mrs. Rockstein and Robert Anspaugh.

The following from the Chamber of Commerce is a fine endorsement of the Jewish Relief Drive: "The Chamber of Commerce endorses the campaign for the benefit of the Jewish War Sufferers Relief. After telegraphic inquiry to other Chambers of Commerce regarding their investigation into the worthiness of this appeal the Alma Chamber of Commerce can heartily endorse the campaign for the benefit of the Jewish War Sufferers' Relief as being worthy of the support of those who desire to further its aims. (Signed) Harry Gerber."

RECEIVES FRENCH STUDENT

Alma College, cooperating with the American Association of Colleges, has received a Frenchman, Prosper Pelmont, into its student body. Alexander Dawydoff, a Russian, has also been enrolled as a student in Alma College this year. This relationship with foreign students tends to create a wider sympathy and better understanding. Both students come on good recommendation to take up their studies here.

Everybody come with a jingling purse to the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid at the Masonic Home Dec. 13th.—advertisement 28-2w

Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau will be held at Ithaca, Monday, Dec. 12. The delegates will be called to order at 9:30 o'clock by the president.

The morning session will consist of roll call of delegates, reading of minutes of last meeting, secretary's report, manager's report, and election of officers.

In the afternoon Mr. Clark Brody, manager of the State Farm Bureau, will give an address explaining the workings of the State Farm Bureau. Mr. Dale Tenent, from the Market Department of the Agricultural College will also speak.

All members of the Farm Bureau should try to be present at that meeting. The Farm Bureau is the members organization. They have signed up for three years and should take an interest and learn what the Farm Bureau has done and what it proposes to do. If anyone has any suggestions to make this meeting is the place to make them.

START PUMPING FROM THE WELLS

WARN AGAINST DRINKING CITY WATER, UNLESS BOILED, UNTIL NOTIFIED.

Pumps were turned onto the city wells again Wednesday evening and water for city use is now being drawn from this source, but the public is cautioned against using this water for drinking purposes, unless it has previously been boiled.

It will probably take a few days to get the mains thoroughly cleaned by chlorination.

Water will be sent to the state board of health to be tested before the city officials put an OK on the drinking of the water without its being boiled. It may be another week yet before the public is notified that the water is safe to drink, without having first been boiled.

Auxiliary Seeks Fund for Welfare

Realizing that there are many in our community who are still interested in the welfare of the ex-servicemen and women but who haven't had an opportunity, for various reasons, to express that interest and sympathy in a substantial way, the American Legion Auxiliary is giving you such an opportunity now to do something for these men and women to give them Christmas cheer and comfort.

There will be some of them who will have no near relatives to brighten that day for them. Have you ever been away from all your own kin on that day? If you have, you know the loneliness of it when love and cheer emanate all around you and there is none for you.

There will be some of them who have suffered and suffered and to whom there is nothing ahead for them but suffering until death brings relief, and a gift to divert their attention and to help pass away the long hours will give them comfort.

If you will invest ONE DOLLAR in this cause, please place it with your name in one of the small envelopes provided for the purpose and drop it in one of the boxes left for the purpose at any of the following places, on or before December 10th: Murphy's drug store, Brunner's drug store, Winslow's drug store, Paterson's drug store, The J. C. Penney store, The Recreation Place. Donors names will be published in the local papers if the name accompanies the gift.

The Auxiliary has been instrumental thus far and recently in assisting families of sick soldiers, visiting the homes of such to ascertain if there was need and opportunity of further assistance; has sent boxes of books and wholesome games and amusements, and at Thanksgiving time sent a box of "eats" to a group of forty now in hospital in Chicago for which they were graciously thanked. The public may not know that we still have one service man in the hospital in Grand Rapids, another in North Carolina, another in Indiana, besides the one now in Chicago, all from our own city.

AN INTERESTING CONTEST

The Home Lumber & Fuel Co. is putting on a very interesting and novel contest. They offer a ton of Anchor coal free to the person who makes the largest number of words out of the phrase "Anchor Coal—good to tie to." No letter is to be used in any one word more times than it appears in the phrase. A great variety of words can be secured.

We can do it if it is in the printing line. The Alma Record.—advertisement 10-3w

CARNEGIE CORP. MADE \$50,000.00 PLEDGE TO ALMA

GIVER OF BIG ANONYMOUS GIFT TO COLLEGE IN JUNE IS ANNOUNCED.

U. P. Passes Its Quota is the Word

Announcements of considerable importance regarding the endowment campaign of Alma College were made Monday by President H. M. Crooks, which indicate that considerable success is being met with in the final days of the campaign.

The campaign in the northern peninsula of Michigan, which has been in charge of Mr. Abernathy and A. B. Sheldon has been completed, and has been a big success. Dr. Crooks and others have also been working in the north, in this territory, which is remote from Alma. A quota of about \$17,000 had been set for this portion of the state, and the announcement is to the effect that the quota has been surpassed in this part of the state, the first large district to achieve its goal. Not only did the campaigners secure pledges for more than \$17,000, but President Crooks also received a check for \$5,000 additional from the Honorable Chase S. Osborn, former governor of Michigan, who resides at Sault Ste Marie.

In the spring announcement was made of an anonymous pledge of \$50,000 to the college as soon as certain conditions were met with. The first of the week President Crooks stated that the prohibitions surrounding the pledge had been removed, and announced that it had been made by the Carnegie Corporation. The pledge was made to Alma under certain conditions at the time that Dr. Angell, a former Michigan man, and now president of Yale, was at the head of the corporation.

The fact that Alma has been able to secure pledges of such amounts from the Carnegie Corporation and the General Education Board founded by John D. Rockefeller, in the space of a single year, is taken to mean that the college enjoys a high standing and that it has excellent prospects for the future. It is understood that only two Michigan colleges have in the past secured aid from either of these sources.

President Crooks has also announced a gift of \$1,000 from the S. P. Harsone Estate of Pittsburgh, which indicates that the friends of Alma College are located not only in Michigan, but in the surrounding states.

President Crooks also announced that Dr. David F. Charles, former president of Soo Falls College and now financial secretary of Coe College, Iowa, has been secured temporarily to aid in counsel and in work in the completion of the endowment campaign. He comes to the college temporarily through an arrangement made with Dr. Gage.

Charity Ball Is Big Social Event

The Alma Business Women's Association are making elaborate preparations for a Charity Ball which will be given under the auspices of that organization at the High School Gymnasium on the evening of Dec. 13 from nine until twelve o'clock.

The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Martak seven-piece orchestra of Saginaw.

The Women of the Business Association are sparing no pains to make the event a great success not only financially but in every other way and the money raised will be turned over to the Welfare association to be used as needed in their work for the winter. The public in general is urged to aid this worthy cause by purchasing tickets for the ball.

The patrons and patronesses will be Dr. and Mrs. E. T. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hayes.

Salvation Army Seeks Xmas Aid

The Salvation Army is now making its annual Christmas appeal to the people of Alma and vicinity with the hope of securing funds for about two hundred baskets for Christmas.

In the effort to secure approximately \$250.00, estimated as the cost of the baskets, the business places of the city and the homes of Alma will be canvassed by the Salvation Army under the direction of Envoy Glassbrook.

The work of soliciting aid for the Salvation Army basket fund is now under way and will be continued until Christmas.